

Refuse Disposal

Few counties in North Carolina are providing solid waste pickup and disposal service to county residents. In the past, refuse problems have been left to the county residents. In the outlying rural areas, drum-type incinerators and open pits have been used to dispose of solid wastes. Small, unauthorized dumps are located in many parts of the county. While this is not yet a major problem, continued unauthorized dumping could create health hazards as well as unsightly county landmarks. Private contractors operate in the urbanized areas of the county picking up solid waste on a fee basis. These contractors as well as the City of Henderson utilize the Vance County landfill on the Townsville Road. Vance County provides a full service trash collection system with 132 dumpster boxes, and maintains the Vance County landfill on Townsville Road which operates 5 1/2 days per week.

In essence, it is difficult to conceive of anything that detracts more from the beauty of a landscape than open solid waste dumping along the countryside. Apart from the general discomfort generated by open dumps, the economic loss suffered by adjacent real estate owners and the potential dangers to public health presents valid reasons for the elimination of these eyesores. For further information refer to: (1) Water and Sewer Planning Report for Vance County, 1968; (2) Community Facilities Plan for Vance County, North Carolina, 1967.